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## PRESS RELEASE

## STOLEN VEHICLE, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ARRESTS

**DATE:** July 12, 2016

**LOCATION:** 1400-Blk Yellowstone Ave.

**CASE #:** 16-194-125

SUSPECT #1 Armando Sandoval Delfin, 23 year old San Jose Resident

SUSPECT#2 Marline Mercado, 21 year old San Jose Resident

On July 12, 2016, at 07:45 P.M., a Milpitas police officer was on patrol in the area of Yellowstone Ave. and S. Park Victoria Dr. when he saw a stolen Honda Civic, from San Jose, occupied by two people. The officer lost sight of the vehicle when it darted into a nearby residential neighborhood but relocated it several minutes later travelling past him. The car swerved towards the officer, and continued to flee at a high rate of speed. While attempting to escape, the driver of the stolen car collided with another vehicle in the intersection of S. Milpitas Blvd. and Montague Expwy. The car was disabled long enough for officers to arrive on scene and arrest the occupants. There were no injuries sustained from the collision.

The driver was identified as Armando Delfin, and the passenger as Marline Mercado, both from the City of San Jose. Delfin was found to have .22 caliber ammunition in his possession, while Mercado had a small quantity of methamphetamine and two shaved car keys in her possession. A search of the car yielded a loaded .22 caliber revolver, a narcotic pipe, and several stolen license plates. Delfin was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for possession of a stolen car and stolen property, possession of a stolen car with a prior conviction, assault with a deadly weapon, and for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Mercado was booked for possession of methamphetamine, a narcotic pipe, and stolen property.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation or other similar incidents occurring in our city is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:



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SUSPECT #1: Armando Sandoval Delfin



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**SUSPECT #2:** Marline Mercado